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Paper No.

**Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)**

Document filed on 3/9/04 is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121. In order for the amendment document to be compliant, the following omission(s) or provision is required. Only the section (1.121(h)) of the amendment containing the omission or non-compliant provision must be resubmitted (in its entirety), e.g., the entire "to the claims" section of applicant's amendment document must be re-submitted.

**THE FOLLOWING CHECKED (X) ELEMENTS(S) CAUSE THE AMENDMENT DOCUMENT TO BE NON-COMPLIANT:**

Amendments to the specification:

- A. Amended paragraph(s) do not include markings.
- B. New paragraph(s) should not be underlined.
- C. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Abstract:

- A. Not presented on a separate sheet. 37 CFR 1.72.
- B. Other \_\_\_\_\_

Amendments to the drawings: \_\_\_\_\_

Amendments to the claims:

- ☒ A. A complete listing of all of the claims is not present.
- ☒ B. The listing of claims does not include the text of all claims (incl. withdrawn claims)
- C. Each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be identified.
- D. The claims of this amendment paper have not been presented in ascending numerical order.
- E. Other: Claim 1 thru 24 no text

Explanation of the amendment format required by 37 CFR 1.121, see MPEP Sec. 714 and the USPTO website at [www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/opla/preognotice/officflyer.pdf](http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/opla/preognotice/officflyer.pdf).

If the amendment is a **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**, applicant is given ONE MONTH from the mail date of the amendment to supply the corrected section which complies with 37 CFR 1.121. Failure to comply with 37 CFR 1.121 will result in the preliminary amendment and examination on the merits will commence without consideration of the proposed preliminary amendment(s). This notice is not an action under 35 U.S.C. 132, and this **ONE MONTH** time limit is final.

If the amendment is a reply to a **NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**, and since the amendment appears to be a *bona fide* reply (37 CFR 1.135(c)), applicant is given a **TIME PERIOD** of ONE MONTH from the mailing of this notice to re-submit the corrected section which complies with 37 CFR 1.121 in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF TIME PERIOD ARE AVAILABLE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

If the amendment is a reply to a **FINAL REJECTION**, this form may be an attachment to an Advisory Action. The period for final rejection continues to run from the date set in the final rejection, and is not affected by the non-compliant amendment.

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